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Rainbow Festival Sends Message

RAINBOW FESTIVAL SPECTATORS WATCH as hundreds of balloons were released, each bearing the name of a person who has died of an AIDS related illness. The sparsely attended street fair took place on K Street outside of Faces and featured sale, food and game booths. Entertainment by the Sacramento Men's Chorus was, as usual, wonderful, however, after a long wait disgruntled patrons had money refunded when the band, Bronsky Beat was unable to perform.

MGW EDITORIAL

Accountability: A Two-Edged Sword

Accountability is a popular term these days. A lot of people use it — few practice it and fewer still have a real sense of its meaning. The dictionary definition is clear... "Liable to be called to account. Answerable. (see Responsible)." *There's that "R" word again! Gee Whiz! This isn't any fun! It's almost like our parents said... you mean we gotta grow up or something nerdy like that? Bum-mer...*

For too long, as a community, we've excluded the cost of our sought-after civil rights. We expect acceptance in a nation which can barely acknowledge the missionary position as acceptable for heterosexuals, yet uses women's mammary development to sell everything from pipe wrenches to widgets. A nation that seeks to control the reproductive rights of individuals while refusing to feed or care for AIDS patients and the poor — those who are already here. A nation whose right-to-life proponents do not extend their philosophy to either HIV positive people or to the death penalty.

And we, products of our society — we seek civil rights and although we are an affluent group — will not financially support gay lobbyists to represent our interests at the State Capitol. Responsibility.

We laugh at the Wilbur Mills' and Gary Hart/Donna Rice disclosures, snicker about the Kennedys, and applaud their downfall and yet are strangely silent about Barney Frank's "lapse in judgement." Accountability.

Too many of us subscribe to the "Bread and Circus" mentality — *provide us with a circus and we'll give you some bread...* So there are benefits and shows and events and happenings for AIDS during which tremendous amounts of money are raised — and we never ask for a breakdown of administrative cost versus the dollar amount that actually goes to the AIDS patient. We never see how much of the money goes for salaries (and how much they are), how much goes for the costs of putting on the event or show. We seldom know if there's a difference in the amount raised and the amount which is given to the designated agency or charity. Certainly there's nothing wrong with taking costs off the top for a fundraiser — but there's also nothing wrong with the community having certain knowledge of where and in what proportions the money was spent. Responsibility. Accountability.

Boring as it seems, we need to be accountable and we have to ask our representatives and agencies to be acountable too. Sorry Dorothy, but you really *ARE* back in Kansas... and as for you Virginia, get real girl, you *KNOW* what Santa wants in return for those presents...

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Thanks to All...

Editor:

I want to take this opportunity to thank your readership as well as your newspaper staff for the support they've provided to me over the past month.

My friends in the community — most especially **La Kish** and **Large Marge** — have put on fundraisers on my behalf, contributing and collecting nearly $800 to help me meet dental, hospital, and other expenses incurred during a recent gay-bashing incident. The outpouring of love in the form of hugs, cards, and well-wishes is helping me put this behind me, and I want my friends to know that I may use a portion of the funds collected to pay for a bit of counseling to help me completely heal not only from this incident, but from other incidents that have occurred.

I want to take this opportunity, in fact, to ask the community to be aware of the dangers that lie hidden in the city. The areas surrounding the gay bars are unprotected; security around most of them is virtually non-existent, and bar patrons should be aware which ones are providing no protection at all, and I want to discourage readers from going there. Let's not put ourselves in dangerous situations — parking in secluded alleys, visiting secluded places. Harassment and injury incidents should be reported; if you're uncomfortable calling the police, report the incident to the Lambda Center or to MGW.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank the staff of MGW for their recent coverage not only of the incidents of violence against both me and others in the city, but also for the visibility they've brought to the drag-show fundraisers that are put on to raise money for AIDS-related charities. Attendance at these events allows each of us to play a vital role in this epidemic, and brings us all a little closer together.

We all can play a part, and I've thoroughly enjoyed doing what I can with my friends to raise money for AIDS. I'm now overwhelmed that people have taken the time to raise money for **ME** at a time when I'm faced with huge debts because of this bashing incident.

The violence will not be forgotten, but certainly neither will the kindnesses shown to me at this time. They have, in fact, inspired me to take better care of myself so that I can continue to contribute what I have to offer to this city in its fight against AIDS.

Again, thank you all.
Robby Becker

Police Issue Warning

by M.R. Richards
OF MGW STAFF

In an interview this week, Sacramento's Assistant Police Chief, Lee Dohm, spoke of complaints from residents in the Del Paso Park and Miller Park areas and warned of a police crackdown on "indecent acts" occurring in the parks.

Dohm said residents in the area of Del Paso Park have been complaining about sex acts occurring in the public park in full view of the horse trail. "They're also complaining about kids seeing this stuff happening," he said.

"We'd rather not make arrests," Dohm said, "but the gay community needs to know that we're out there and will continue to be out there and to make arrests. I'd rather that the gay community would stop doing this voluntarily," he said. "But I don't care who it is, prostitutes, homosexuals or whoever, they can't perform sex acts in parks or they're gonna get arrested. We don't like doing it, we don't want to do it — all we want is for people not to do sex acts in public parks. Just don't do sex acts in public and we won't be there."

Dohm also indicated that people in the gay community should be aware of the bashing incidents that have occurred in the upper Broadway area and suggested that extra caution should be observed on Sunday nights which is a big car "cruise night" in that area. ■

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District 1 Candidates — In Short

By MGW STAFF

● ***Dave Shore*, Incumbent, attorney** — Shore has been endorsed by MGW, the River City Democratic Club and by CAP-PAC, the local gay non-partisan political action committee. Shore won these endorsements on the strength of his progressive positions on human rights issues, especially those affecting gays and women. He has been a city councilmember for eight years and is thoroughly familiar with a broad range of local issues. Some environmental activists say he is "pro-development" and unresponsive to neighborhood issues. He is a strong supporter of planned growth downtown.

● ***Kate Karpilow*, Director of the California Elected Women's Association** — Karpilow was given a substantial grant by CAP-PAC in recognition of her commitment to positive action on behalf of the gay and lesbian community. A former administrative assistant to Mayor Anne Rudin, Karpilow appears to be consistently progressive and well-informed. At an RCDC candidates' forum, she readily volunteered to pursue domestic partners legislation. She has an assertive style which gets attention. She is strongly supported by Councilmember Kim Mueller.

● ***Heather Fargo*, State parks analyst** — Fargo has been a South Natomas community activist for a number of years and a well-known worker for environmental causes. She has organized and directed several projects dealing with planned and controlled growth for the city. Human rights issues do not appear to be at the top of her priority list. She is not familiar with gay and lesbian issues, but says she is willing to learn. She is supported by Mayor Anne Rudin.

● ***Richard Geiselhart*, political pollster and fundraiser** — The only openly gay candidate in the race, Geiselhart has for many years been active in numerous causes at the left end of the political spectrum. He is a strong supporter of human rights issues who wants to see more openness and accountability in local government. Geiselhart does not hesitate to propose "tax-the-rich" plans for raising city revenue. At any candidates forum, Geiselhart can usually be expected to carry progressive ideas a few steps further than other, more conventional, candidates.

● ***Ray Tretheway*, Program coordinator with the Sacramento Tree Foundation** — Tretheway has long been active in numerous environmental causes and programs, especially those involving tree planting and maintenance. He has also been involved in several South Natomas community projects. He appears to have difficulty in defining and articulating his understanding of local government issues. He is not aware of gay and lesbian issues.

● ***Mark Murray*, Policy director of Californians Against Waste** —Murray is a young environmentalist with a substantial background in the areas of waste disposal, recycling and related matters. While a student at CSUS, he held leadership positions in the statewide associatin of California State University Students. He claims significant successes in those roles. Although he has had little specific involvement with local government, he appears well informed. He is trongly supported by Dana Mitchell, local lesbian activist.

● ***Jonathan Walter*, Bookstore worker** — Walter is a candidate with progressive ideas and eager to see them implemented by the city. He favors more modest development on a "human" scale with emphasis on city services to working-class people. He is more willing than most would-be politicians to take positions that may be politically unsafe. For example, he has publicly stated his opposition to public financing to bring the Raiders football team to Sacramento.■

● ***Nels Hagan*, Housing restoration specialist** — Hagan is the president of the Woodlake Improvement Club, a neighborhood association in District One. He believes the present city council tends to be a closed club; he is a strong advocate of greater citizen participation in local government. It is not clear that he has a full grasp of the many complex issues facing local government. Hagan is not familiar with gay and lesbian issues.

● ***Margaret Almada*, Administrative Assistant with City of Tracy** — Almada appears to be especially interested in encouraging and supporting small businesses. She does not, however, seem to have done her homework yet on a wide variety of other issues in local government. For the most part, she appears to be supportive of actions and ideas the city council already has underway.

District Three Briefs

by Michael Varacalli
OF MGW STAFF

● ***Bruce Pomer*, Legislative Advocate, Health Officers' Association** — Pomer is a community activist who currently is a member of the Fair Housing Human Rights Commission. He is a past president of local democratic clubs, active on the Downtown Transportation Task Force and was a member of the Mayor's AIDS Task Force. Pomer is informed on gay and lesbian issues and has been endorsed by the River City Democratic Club, and MGW.

● ***Larry Agusta*, Chief Appeals Unit, State Board of Equalization** — Agusta served as a representative to the Architectural Review Board. He attended the candidate forum sponsored by the River City Democratic Club and seemed ignorant of gay issues. Though interested in the arts and redevelopment of various areas of Sacramento he is supported by developer interests. Augusta is also supported by Mayor Anne Rudin.

● ***Josh Payne*, Administrative Assistant, State Senator Robert Beverly (R-Orange County)** — Payne is the President of the Sacramento County Board of Education. He does not support basic gay/lesbian issues such as partner benefits or non-discrimination ordinances. Payne believes that being gay is an individual choice. He has stated however, that his own beliefs would not be detrimental to gays and lesbians on issues brought before the city council.■

Final Full Quilt Exhibit

On October 6 the AIDS Quilt will be unfolded for the final time in Washington, D.C. The thousands of panels represent friends and lovers, sons and daughters. The Quilt is a memorial, but the sorrow of AIDS-affected communities is with anger. ACT NOW (the AIDS Coalition To Network Organize and Win) will be exercising that anger around the country on October 6 to put an end to the cause of the quilt's growth.

At a meeting held in Montreal during the International AIDS conference, representatives of AIDS activists organizations from across the U.S. declared October 6 a day of national protest. Local groups were urged to engage in highly visible demonstrations and civil disobedience. Already organizations in cities as diverse as Kansas City, Chicago, Austin and Ann Arbor have announced their intention of participating and more cities are signing on every day to press demands for speedier release of AIDS drugs, changes in federal AIDS policies and a national health care program.

It is hoped that AIDS protests occurring around the country simultaneously with the Quilt's last appearance in Washington will awaken the country to the need to deal with the AIDS epidemic.

To become involved in the October 6 actions, contact your local ACT UP or other AIDS activist organization or contact ACT NOW directly at 415-861-7505.■

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State News . . .

San Francisco, CA... Four gay inmates are suing a San Franscisco jail for discrimination complaining that they were taken off kitchen duty after threats from heterosexual inmates. Last week a federal judge ordered the sheriff and the mayor to respond to the $10 million lawsuit. Two gay inmates lost jobs in the butcher shop. They were told that they had been threatened becuase other inmates were afraid to have gay men handling food because of AIDS. Two other gay inmates lost jobs as kitchen janitors.

—Bay Area Reporter

National News . . .

Seattle, WA... During 1989 Washington state passed legislation which insures the continuance of health insurance for people with AIDS who have insurance. Anyone who has Class IV diagnosis qualifies. In other words, the state will pay the insurance premiums for anyone with AIDS or ARC, regardless whether they are working or not.

—Seattle Gay News

Blair County, PA... Blair County officials have forbidden an inmate's lesbian lover to visit her in jail. According to "**The Philadelphia Inquirer**," the prison board approved the decision following the warden's refusal of the inmate's request. "I don't want to condone it," said chairperson of the board. The ban also applies to gay lovers of inmates.

—Philadelphia Gay News

Chicago, IL... Fifty patrons of a Chicago gay bar who were forced to lie on the floor for three hours during a raid by police will receive nearly $5,000 each in a settlement between the ACLU and the state and city, and approved by a federal district court judge. During the raid patrons were subjected to both verbal and physical abuse by enforcement officers during their alleged harassment.

—Windy City Times

Richmond, VA... Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Metro Richmond, has not changed its policy of allowing gay men and lesbians to be Big Brothers and Big Sisters after a Big Brother volunteer became a suspect in a plot to sexually abuse and kill a young boy after a "snuff" film. The decision not to change the policy was based on lack of evidence that any higher percentage of pedophiles exist among homosexuals than among heterosexuals.

—Washington (DC) Blade

Washington, DC... The Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services ruled that the National Hospital for Orthopedics and Rehabilitation in Arlington discriminated when a doctor refused to perform spinal surgery on a patient that tested positive for HIV and a second physician sent another patient to isolation after administering an HIV test without obtaining the patient's permission. This ruling could result in a suspension or revocation of the hospital's Medicare and Medicaid reimbursements.

—Washington (DC) Blade

Chicago, IL...A federal appeals court in Chicago ruled to uphold the Army's regulation banning homosexuals. Sergeant Miriam Ben-Shalom who has been fighting since 1976 when, despite a faultless service record, she was kicked out for saying she was a lesbian. This court explicitly disagreed with a ruling by a court of the same rank which had declared the Army's regulation unconstitutional a year and a half ago. Ben-Shalom is considering appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

—Windy City Times

Denver, CO... The United Methodist Church voted last summer to retain its policies that "homosexual acts are incompatible with Christian teaching" and banning the ordination of "self-avowed practicing homosexuals." A task force was created that has until 1992 to study the issue. This summer its Committee on Homosexuality listened to debate over whether homosexuals' orientation may be "changed" or "healed." During testimony a leader of a ministry called "Where Grace Abounds" that provides counseling on "trading homosexuality for heterosexuality," insisted that about 50 people a week come to his ministry seeking to control or escape their homosexual feelings. Elinor Lewallen, past president of Parents of Lesbians and Gays called such efforts "regrettable." said Lewallen, "If a person has to work so hard at denying their sexuality, then I think they are trying to deny the gift that God gave them of who they really are."

—Denver, CO

Seattle, WA... Seattle joined the growing number of cities with domestic partnership legislation. The City Council passed the bill in the face of strong opposition from its president by an 8 to 1 vote. The bill includes domestic partners as a category of employees who are eligible for sick and funeral leave. It also added the use of sick leave for the illness of a spouse. This bill applies to employees of the City of Seattle.

—Seattle Gay News

Tacoma, WA... The City Council of Tacoma voted Gay and Lesbian rights in May. A group called No Special Rights gathered 3,500 signatures and the issue will now be on the ballot in November. The opposition has been accused of using lies and misleading statements such as "homosexuality is unhealthy, exploitive of young children and an evident perversion of natural bodily functions."

—Seatle Gay News ■

Rutgers "Integrates" Gays

by Michael Foster
OF MGW STAFF

Rutgers University issued a committee progress report in August on precedent-breaking methods for integrating the university and gay and lesbian communities.

"New Jersey's state university is a national leader with its efforts to combat homophobia and integrate the experience of lesbian and gay people into the life of the university," said Ron Nieberding, the report's author and a member of the President's Select Committee for Lesbian and Gay concerns. The Rutgers University Lesbian and Gay Alliance, formed in 1969, claims to be the second oldest continually active gay student organization in the country.

The interim report outlines the diverse efforts undertaken by Rutgers in the past year including extensive education and outreach efforts, the appointment of college liaisons for lesbian and gay concerns in each of the university's 28 schools and colleges, the development of staff training programs, and a major research and data collection effort.

According to Nieberding, "Our initial research suggests that the (final) report will be the most comprehensive effort of its type to date in the United States and a model for other academic institutions to follow."

Copies of the interim report are available from the Office of Student Life Policy and Services, 301 Van Nest Hall, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey, 08903, or by calling (201) 932-7255. ■

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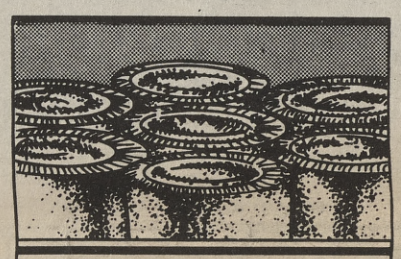

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MGW FLASH!

by John Batchelor
OF MGW STAFF

To my pleasant surprise, I recently found out that 84 percent of the lesbian and gay community are regular voters — about **double** the national average! let's keep up that average locally and **VOTE** in the city council election on September 26 ● The annual **Artists Fashion Show** at the Crest Theatre was a bigger hit than last year. The sold out crowd was thrilled by a multitude of expressive artists. **Frank Lawler** and **Vicki Bailey** however have been overexposed by their booking agents in recent months. This unlikely duo is seen everywhere! Ms. Bailey's language was tamer than usual as she was somewhat required to follow a script! Some other names responsible for the success of the show were **Chuck Miller, Gloria Burt** and **Patti Burton** ● Multi-talented **John Fitzgerald** is the assistant choreographer for this year's **Best of Broadway**! He also does some high stepping and singing of his own in the show. You can catch all the excitement of this annual extravaganza throughout the month of September ● The seventh annual **Elly Awards** for excellence in Sacramento theatre is September 24 at the Crest Theatre. It is sure to be a glittering sold out evening ● The **Sacramento Men's Chorus (SMC)** performs at the **Crocker Art Gallery's** new wing celebration on September 17. They also perform at their rehearsal facility, the **RLDS Church**, 24th & K, on September 24. My sources inform me that the group's "biggest ever" fundraiser, **Hellfire Ball** Halloween party is shaping up nicely. (Thank You) A warehouse (11,200 square feet!) at 20th & E is almost a positive. The event will be catered by **The Dynamic Duo** ● Rancho Arroyo sports Center presents an **All Male Fashion/Variety Show** on October 7. The club is located at 9880 Jackson Road. For reservations, call 457-8953 ● The **Sacramento AIDS Foundation's (SAF)** Healthy Living series continues with "**Using Guided Fantasies, Visualizations and Symbols for Healing** with **Ann Silvernail,** RN, LCSW, on October 4. the next **Buddy Connection** safe sex workshop happens October 2 ● In other SAF news, **Robert Garcia** announces a support group for Latinos infected/affected by HIV. The group meets every other Monday with the next meeting on September 25 ● There certainly has been a great deal of "hoopla" over **Robby Becker** and his recent benefit show. It's been rumored that more people attended the parties following the event than attended the rehearsals! The check presentations and awards ceremony was almost like the **Academy Awards**, at least in length . . . In any case we all applaude his charitable efforts ● Speaking of Robby . . . in an effort to short-circuit "the rumor mill," Robby, in an exclusive talk with Marghe (our illustrious Editor, aka "the Dragon Lady") clarified that he was assaulted, not **once** but **twice** on the **same** evening! During the first confrontation he was able to run away — on the second, as we all know, he wasn't that fortunate and suffered facial cuts and loss of teeth!! Kudos to the gang at the **Mercantile** for their fundraiser to help Robby with medical expenses! They raised $540 in one evening which adds to the $300 raised by **La Kish** ● A fun, campy night of awards awaits us at **The Toilet Ball. Helena Holiday** is slated to perform at the September 23 event at **Joseph's Town & Country. Looking ahead to October 21st, Joseph's Town & Country** will host a benefit concert by **Progressive Praise Productions.** Be sure to mark your calendars for this SAF fundraiser ● There's still time to catch, **A Television Skit, Not Necessarily the News: A New Concept** at the **Mercantile Saloon** on September 17. This benefit show includes a buffet and many local **G.G.N.I.E.** stars ● A Sacramento mainstay, **Beau's,** continues the tradition with **Lady's Night** on Tuesdays and **Men's Night** on Wednesdays. It seems like only yesterday when I spent New Year's Eve there in 1981! ● The **Buffalo Club** is the locale for an event sponsored by **Latinos Organized for Cultural Awareness in Sacramento.** The evening begins with a fiesta on September 16th. Also stay tuned for a benefit leather event in mid-October! ● The **Town House** will sport a new menu soon with even more delectible items. They are also hosting the **Court Investiture** on September 24 ● The **Wreck Room** is in the process of planning their Fall special events. In the meantime. Sunday **Pigout** is still bigger than ever ● And for those of you who are **Stacy Fans,** stop by and visit Monday thru Friday, 1 to 8 p.m. for happy hour at **Faces**. Complimentary snacks are also served. It's also great to see the men and women of the country crowd kicking up their heels on Sunday, Monday, Wednesday & Thursday ● Thanks for all your inquiries on when my next **Ballroom & Western Dance Class** will be. By all indications, classes for the community will be underway by mid-October ● If you are interested in taking part in the newly formed **Sacramento Women's Rugby Club**, call **Laura Davis** at 726-6141 or **Trina Pace** at 925-3966 ● This is just my opinion but what do you think? Is the business directory sign in front of the **Mercantile House** compatible with the beautiful restoration of the building? To me they are night and day, where were the community's designers when that went up? ● If you missed the **Lambda Center's Third Year Anniversary** party, make it a point to stop by and see their renovation efforts. The next work party is September 23. A new face at the center's **Stop AIDS Project** is Administrative Assistant **Neil Treganza** ● Lately it seems that the "other columnist" **Dan Palimino** (aka Louella Parsons) is continuously lurking in my vicinity. It's apparent that he literally (no pun intended) adores me and hopes to follow my lead. Unfortunately for Dan, such prominence takes time. Keep trying though. Remember, I'm one of your biggest fans! ● **Bon Voyage** until October. In the meantime tell your chums how much their friendship is cherished. In return, be the best friend you can be.....

John■

CATS WHO CARE, THE talented cast of CATS, perform for a disappointingly small crowd at the AIDS Fundraiser sponsored by Lambda Community Center during Lambda Days's Rainbow Festival.

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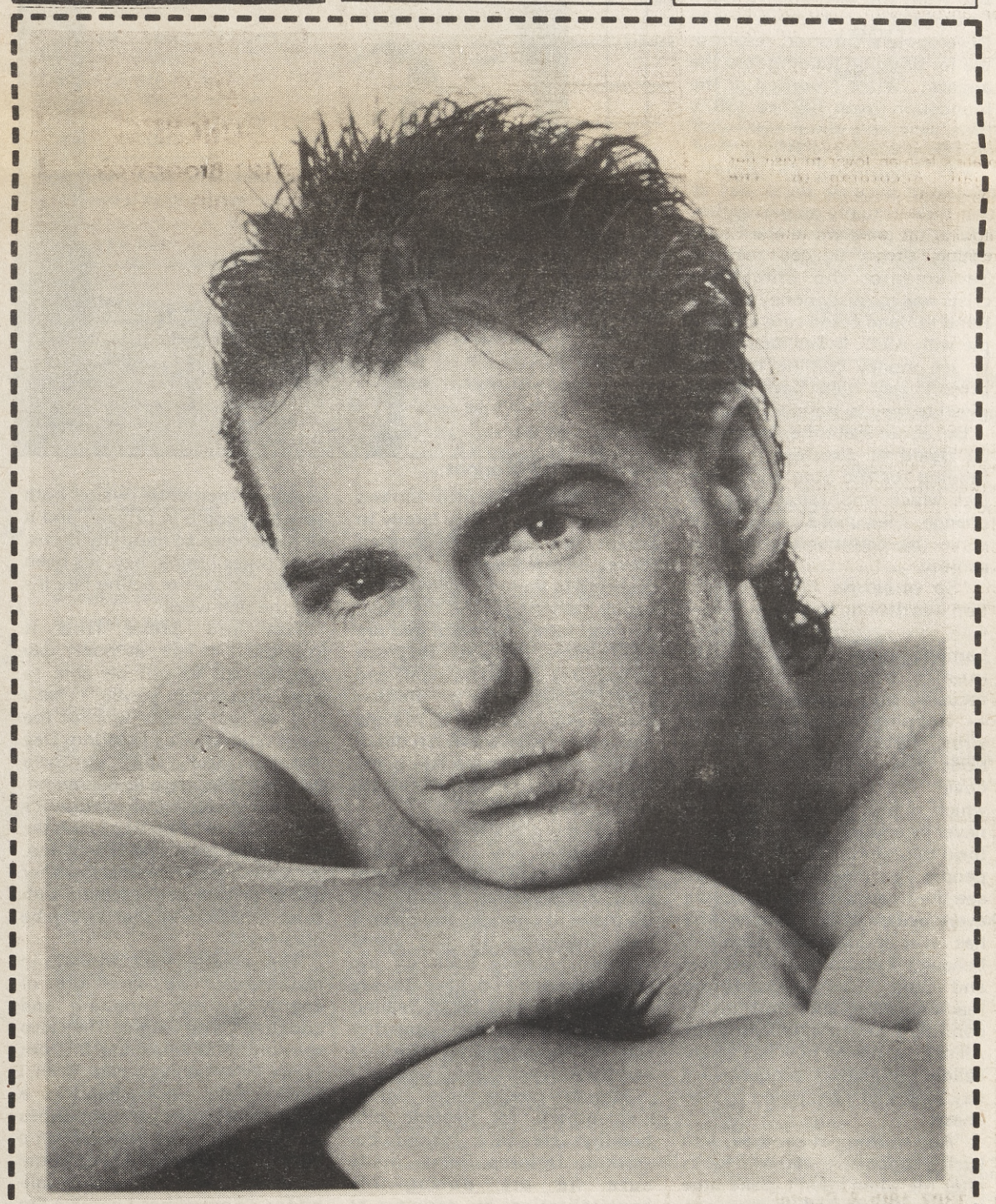

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Living With AIDS

by Sonya Cox
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Happy Birthday to Tim Warford: he turned 30 last month! Eighteen months earlier, he thought he'd never see 29. Tim is a survivor of a devastating bout with AIDS-related pneumocystis carinii pneumonia (PCP).

However the realization that came to him in his hospital bed — that his work here wasn't done — allowed him to become one of the new breed of fighters with HIV disease who simply won't accept the negative aspects of an AIDS diagnosis.

Has he done something magic to stay well? "I see my doctor once a month; I monitor my T-cells — which were at almost zero in the hospital; I get a monthly pentamidine treatment; and at least once a week I see my chiropractor," says Tim. "But the most important thing I do is work at something that's meaningful and makes a difference in the community. It's a job that allows me to be who I am, both as a gay man and as a person with AIDS." Tim is Executive Director of the Lambda AIDS Response Programs which operate out of the Lambda Community Center.

He came to the job two years ago from the Sacramento AIDS Foundation, where he was Development Director, responsible for bringing funding into the agency. "When I worked at the foundation (from 1985 to 1987), there were only about eight staff members doing everything. And I was becoming extremely frustrated because there was at that time virtually no prevention education program at the Foundation aimed at gay men in Sacramento; the immediate crisis was to raise money so that Hand to Hand could care for people with AIDS. It was heartening to see money coming into the project: gay men have always given money to Hand to Hand.

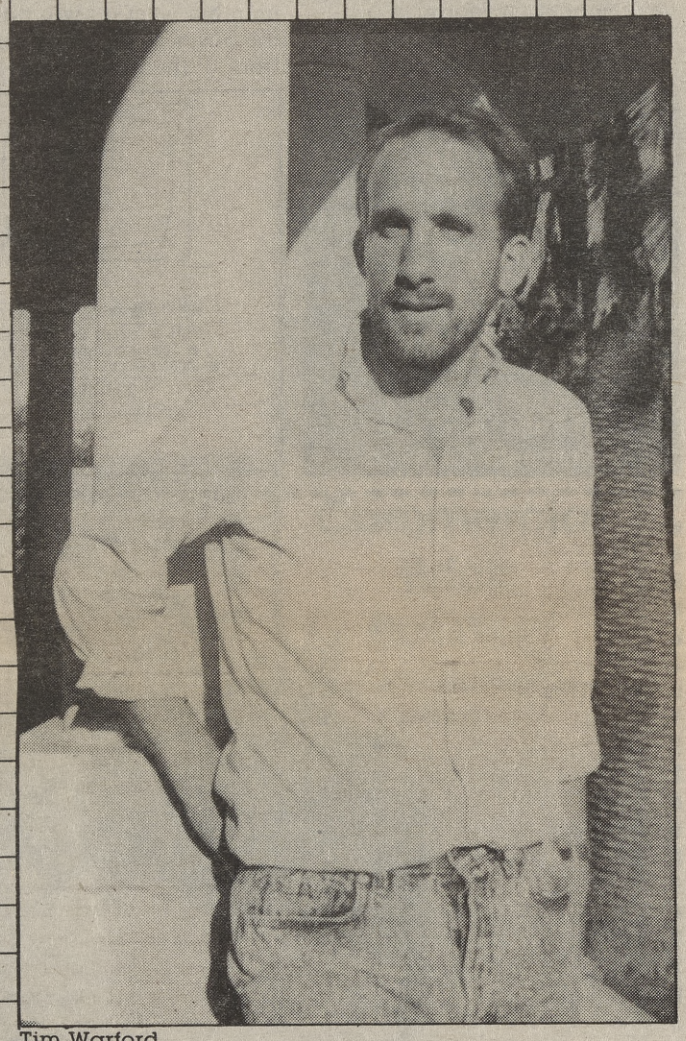
But about that time, the Lambda Board of directors received funding for the Stop AIDS Project, which emphasizes behavior change. I felt that I could better serve the community with this project.

"So while the AIDS Foundation was dealing to a great extent with care services for gay men, Lambda began to organize community outreach programs focusing on primary prevention — stopping the spread of the virus," he says. "both organizations have expanded now to cover the broader spectrum, which is fine because there will never be enough organizations in town to cover the needs of all the people who need them. Now we see the importance of educating every person in Sacramento who has ever indulged in high-risk behavior. Lambda's 'Being Alive' and 'Stop AIDS' programs are reaching more and more in the community each month, and the AIDS Foundation now has an excellent education program for gay men that's being led by Joe chase."

"And working at Lambda, with such a supportive staff who looks after me when I don't make time to look after myself, is an important part of my staying well. They make me take the time to recharge," Jim says.

"When I was in the hospital," he recalls, "my friends maintained a high energy level in the room the whole time I was there, and their love and caring gave me energy. They brought in a friend who's survived PCP as a healthy example for me, and this gave me hope."

"And things other than my lungs began to heal and get better. My two brothers and two sisters and I had not been particularly close to each other since we were younger. Once while I was sleeping, I sensed such comfort in the room that I was able to really rest well. When I awoke," Jim remembers, "I realized that one of my brothers had been simply sitting next to me while I was napping, and the other had been stroking my hand as I had slept. So I'd have to say that my hospitalization brought the entire family closer together."



Tim Warford

"The experience also allowed the opportunity for my family to accept my wonderful partner, Steve. Before I was ill, it never occurred to them to invite him to family gatherings, and the situation was rather awkward and uncomfortable. But when they saw us together in the hospital, and after I explained to my mother that he was important to me and that it hurt to have him left out of events, they immedciately enfolded him into the family circle," Jim smiles.

"Two months after I got out of the hospital, my father had a stroke, so we've gone through some severe crises recently, but it's made us stronger and given a new meaning to the word 'family.' Looking back on my hospitalization, I'd have to say that it included a lot of healing on several fronts and — together with my basic fighting spirit — I was back at work in 10 weeks."

Tim also credits some "significant others" for keeping him healthy. He says former coworker, Dolores Saint, made sure he ate during his hospitalization by arriving at mealtimes so he didn't have to eat alone! "Dolores worked here for the STOP AIDS project so she was able to keep an eye on me when I needed it!"

It's very important, he says, that he has someone like Steve to go home to each day. A month before his hospitalization, on Valentine's day of 1988, they exchanged rings. Steve worries over him and makes sure that he relaxes from his high-stress job at Lambda Center. "The gay community has you five days a week; I want you on the weekends!" Steve reminds him whenever necessary. Steve also gets him on special days like their anniversary, which falls on Halloween. This past year, an important STOP AIDS conference was scheduled on their anniversary, but there was no choice to make: the relationship comes first now.

Tim says his 5-year partnership has provided him the strength and cuddling he needs to get through the occasional negative moments. We're both 'touchy' people in private, and it all just comes so naturally for us. Sometimes I think 'hey, it's been 5 years, and we're acting like it's still the first week' "

Tim and Steve find it frustrating in fact, as many gay couples do, to not be able to show affection in public. "That's why we find events such as the San Francisco Gay Freedom Day Parade and the Lambda Freedom Fair here in Sacramento such great social events. It's really neat to be able to touch the person you love. This is why, too, we spend a lot of time together and at private get-togethers with close friends — so that we can be ourselves!"

The couple eats mostly in restaurants: "we save **lots** of energy by not shopping and cooking!," Tim laughs. They also re-energize by crashing in front of the TV or taking walks. "Well, I have to take my husband for a walk now," Steve announces whenever he feels there's been a day of pressure and that some relaxation time outdoors is called for. "Sometimes I act like I'm driven," says Tim, "and Steve picks up on this and makes me relax. I don't think I'd be as well as I am if I didn't have him to come home to."

"It's never occurred to either of us to end this relationship because of Tim's diagnosis," says Steve, "even though it's difficult to think about. But if you love a person, you don't leave just because of a crisis. We've made a commitment to one another, but more important than that is the fact we truly find joy in one another. We both come from very stable family environments: my parents have been married for 30 years and Tim's for over 40. Our parents have been excellent role models and we've both learned how to stand together and weather life's crises as they come along."

"But when I first found out I was seropositive," remembers Tim, "I couldn't share the news even with Steve. I kind of waited for him to notice that I was no longer responding when he'd say things like 'We're going to grow old together.' I just couldn't make myself face my own mortality and say it out loud for nearly three months. And then I landed in the hospital and really had to face facts."

"We realize that the dreams we originally had might not come to fruition — we might not be riding around in a Winnebago together when we're 70 years old. But this virus has made us look at reality, and the reality is that either one of us could get hit by a truck tomorrow and be killed. So we've learned to sincerely appreciate each other, and our time together is all high-quality time. We realize now that time is finite and precious. I think we enjoy things more now, and don't put things off as much anymore," Tim says.

"Sometimes I'll hear songs that remind me of where I am in life and they tend to get me teary-eyed. In 'Empty Chairs, Empty Tables' from Les Miserables, for instance, it's easy to see the parallel about fallen comrads. I first heard it two years ago at a STOP AIDS training session, and it makes me think about how many we've lost now. Bette Midler's version of 'Wind Beneath my Wings' reminds me of my relationship with Steve, because his support allows me to reach heights and conquer vistas that I never thought I could attain before," Tim says.

"One of the scary things about this disease is that some people get ill so quickly. It's not a typical virus, and if an infection hits a vital organ hard at the wrong time, such as at a time of stress in your life, you might be in big trouble. Especially if you've fought off the virus for so long, a serious bout with an infection might really impact your self-confidence," Tim says.

So at work he's created several contingency plans in case of another hospitalization and recovery period, or even in case he gets hit by a truck or gets a better job! "The program here must survive and if it doesn't, then I'd feel I haven't been as effective a leader as I should have been," he says. "We're refocusing position descriptions and sharing jobs as part of this contingency plan. Lambda can't be under the helm of one or two people; the primary movers and shakers must be able to be away and have the programs continue," Tim says.

Tim has gleaned some innovative insights into the "system" as he's worked his way through it both as a person with HIV and as director of the STOP AIDS Project. "I'd like to see some changes in the way some of the clinics let you know that you've tested positive. In their efforts to provide counseling and information to those who are positive, they sometimes ask the people who've tested negative to go on home, and then ask those people who've tested positive to wait to speak to a specific counselor. At this point you already know the test results, and the privacy issue also comes into play."

Additionally, he says he thinks it's time to focus on the fact that, as more people are recovering from their early bouts with the diseases and infections that are part of having a suppressed immune system, there may now be more instances where a Hand to Hand volunteer may be vitally needed for a few months, and then no longer needed for the person they were originally "mat ched" with.

"I'd like to see a system based to some degree on Chicago's Howard Brown AIDS Clinic, where you're assigned a buddy for 3-6 months; then at that point you and your buddy renegotiate your 'contract' to see if your services are still needed," Tim says. "This frees up the volunteer to match with someone else who may be going through a traumatic illness. I think the current volunteers are trained how to 'let go to death,' but aren't prepared for 'letting go to health and life.' People with AIDS need acute attention in the early stages and certainly at the end, but the middle part needs to be handled differently now. This new need may have already been noticed by the AIDS foundation training officials, and future training sessions for volunteers may reflect this change in the direction of the disease," Tim says.

Tim is now eagerly looking forward to a year of service on the Sacramento County Grand Jury. "This is a marvelous opportunity, and I love to stay busy," he smiles. And staying busy is one thing Tim seems to be really good at: "I think it's critical that more work be done with youth groups. We have rap sessions with both gay adolescents and gay college students going on now."

"It's also critical that gay men begin to accept themselves and believe in their own true worth. Gay men with high levels of self-esteem are more likely to maintain healthy attitudes and whip this disease. More and more gay men are reversing their thinking about safe sex. Now, a person is made to feel awkward by an aware partner if he **doesn't** want to wear a condom! This is great and is the key to getting this virus out of our community," Tim says.

"I believe that in Sacramento, the majority of people have at least **heard** about safe sex, but it's important that it's practiced constantly. 'Oops, I forgot just once,' or 'I usually remember' just don't cut it anymore. Unsafe sex is now totally out of step with society and our community. The Foundation's 'Buddy Connection' programs show how to make safe sex fun, and Lambda's 'Being Alive' and 'STOP AIDS' programs promote independence in speaking up for your rights to safety. Reinforcement and maintenance are the next step for both Lambda and the Foundation," Tim predicts.

"It's critical that lesbians understand that they're at risk too; we're working on projects now to supply latex barriers as well as information to them. (Actually heavy-duty plastic wrap is probably just as good a barrier, and more practical too; it stretches, it clings, you can see through it, and there's no odd latex flavor!) But lesbians need to understand they're at risk, so I want to get more people involved in outreach meetings," he says.

"Recently, I coordinated the midnight 'Cats Who Care' cabaret show in the grand tent at Faces — a fantastic variety show featuring the cast of CATS — which was in town for their Music Circus performance. The ticket

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MGW Calendar

September

15 Friday

►**Girl of the Golden West,** Sacramento Opera Association, Community Center Theatre, 14th and L Streets, 8pm, $15.50-$35, 449-5181.

►**River City MCC 18th Anniversary celebration,** Tent Revival meeting, McKinley Park, 7:30pm.

►**Agatha Christies' Black Coffee,** Garbeau's Dinner Theatre, 985-6361.

►**SAGA Fundraiser,** Faces, 9-Midnight.

►**Legislative calendar,** last day to pass bills.

►**Broadway Bound,** Sacramento Theatre Co., $16-$19, Fri., Sat., 443-6722.

►**The Rainmaker,** Chautauqua Playhouse, $9, 489-7529.

►**Pillars Meeting,** 6pm cocktails, 7:30pm Dinner, Sierra Inn, Fulton & Auburn, 455-1771.

►**National Handcar Races,** Railroad Museum, 442-5542.

►**Under the Woodland Gaslight,** The Opera House Resident Acting Co., The Woodland Opera House, 8pm, $7-$9, 666-9617.

16 Saturday

►**River City MCC 18th Anniversary Celebration,** 11am — Brunch with Founder Rev. Troy Perry, 5pm — Ordination Celebration of Rev. Edward Sherriff, 8pm — Semi-formal dinner Capital Plaza Hall (1025 9th Street). $40, $75/couple. 454-4762 or 456-8342.

►**SAGA III Golf Championship,** Haggin Oaks GC. 10am, fundraiser, car wash, Mercantile, 10-4pm, SAGA raffle drawing, Townhouse, 8pm.

►**Valley Knights MC,** Ride in the foothills. 455-6540.

►**On the River,** with Camping Women Ethel 371-4822.

►**Broadway Bound,** see September 15.

►**Tradition and Innovation 1500-1989: Recent Acquisitions of the Achenbach Foundation for Graphic Arts,** The Fine Arts Museum of San Francisco, California Palace of the Legion of Honor, 34th Ave and Clement Street, San Francisco, (415) 750-3614.

►**Mexican independence Day Celebration,** Buffalo Club.

►**Outdoor Adventures of Sacramento,** Car Camping Trip to Fallen Leaf Lake. Gary, 443-7812.

►**Agatha Christies' Black Coffee,** see Sep. 15.

►**Grand Opening, Crocker Mansion Wing,** Crocker Art Museum, 216 O Street, 10am-5pm, free, 449-5423.

►**The Rainmaker,** see Sep. 15.

►**Festival of the Arts, 10am-6pm, The Revenge of the Space Pandas,** Weinstock's stage, downtown plaza, 2pm, free.

►**Under the Woodland Gaslight,** see Sep. 15.

►**People who love too much workshop,** by Charlene Conley and Linda Paoli, 9am to 4:30pm, 2628 El Camino Ave, Suite C-1, Sacramento, $60, 972-7831.

►**Renaissance Pleasure Faire,** weekends through Oct. 8, Blackpoint Forest, Marin County, $12.50.

►**Gay and Lesbian Outreach,** Ch 47, 10am.

17 Sunday

►**River City MCC 18th Anniversary Celebration,** worship service, Capital Plaza Hall, 1025 9th Street, 10am.

►**Grand Opening Crocker Mansion Wing,** see September 16.

►**Ansel Adams Center Opening,** free admission today and first Tuesday each month, 250 fourth Street, San Francisco, (415) 495-7000.

►**SAGA III Golf,** Haggin Oaks GC, 10am.

►**Broadway Bound,** see Sep. 15.

►**Agatha Christies' Black Coffee,** see Sep. 15.

►**Sacramento Vegetarian Society Potluck,** 5:30pm, McKinley Park, 4521653.

►**Benefit for AIDS, Client Services Fund, A Television Skit — Not Necessarily the News: A New Concept,** by Shirley Temple Black and Mudd, Inc., Mercantile Saloon, 2pm, $3.

►**Girl of the Golden West,** 2pm, see Sep. 15.

►**Festival of the Arts,** see September 16.

►**Under the Woodland Gaslight,** 2pm, see Sep. 15.

►**The Road Less Traveled,** discussion by Drs. Ed Rudin and Michael Meek, 9-10, Sundays through Oct 8, Parkside Community Church, 5700 South Land Park Drive, 421-0492.

18 Monday

►**Remembrances,** Coloma Center Theatre, 4623 T Street, 7:30pm, free, see September 10.

►**Women's Rap and Social,** 7-9pm, Lambda Center, "Friends, Lovers & things that go Bump in the Night."

►**River City MCC,** Ch 47, 7:30pm.

►**Being Gay Today,** Ch 47, 10pm.

19 Tuesday

►**Broadway Bound,** see September 15.

►**The Irish Halloween — Tales of an Irish Grandmother,** Oak Park Community Center, 3425 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Sacramento, 7:30pm, free, see September 10 2nd Annual...

►**Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays Rap Session,** 7:30 pm Fremont Presbyterian Church, 5770 Carlson Dr. 444-9510.

►**River City MCC,** Ch. 47, 2:30pm.

►**Being Gay Today,** Ch. 47, 5pm.

►**Intro to Color Photography,** Tues. thru Oct. 10, 6:30-9:30pm, $60, 454-4906, Lightworks.

►**Reservation Deadline for "22 On The Red",** gala fundraiser in San Francisco, see Sep. 23.

20 Wednesday

►**Broadway Bound,** see September 15.

►**An evening of Music Theatre Fun,** Immaculate Conception School Auditorium, 2549 32nd Ave., 7:30pm, free.

►**Agatha Christies' Black Coffee,** see Sep. 15.

►**River City MCC,** 9:30am, Ch. 47.

►**Being Gay Today,** Ch. 47, noon.

►**Visionz, Gay and Lesbian TV Magazine,** 9pm.

►**Beginning Black and White Photography,** Weds. thru Oct. 25, 6:30to9:30pm, $120, 454-4906.

21 Thursday

►**Broadway Bound,** see September 15.

►**When God Comes for Breakfast, You Don't Burn the Toast,** Elk Grove Senior Center, 8830 Sharkey Ave. Elk Grove, 12:30pm, free, see September 10.

►**Agatha Christies' Black Coffee,** see Sep. 15.

►**Common Sense Dog Training,** Beginning 6:30pm, Intermediate 7:30pm, Land Park Pet Center, 392-4609.

►**Design Industries Foundation for AIDS, The DIFFA, Showhouse in San Francisco, GALA Opening,** The City Club, Dinner/dance $250, Dance $100, (415) 451-4000.

►**Visionz,** Ch. 47, 4pm.

►**Gay and lesbian Outreach,** Ch. 47, 8pm.

22 Friday

►**Capitol City Social Club,** thru 9/24 Weekend at Clearlake.

►**DIFFA Showhouse,** See September 21, 898 Francisco Street, SFO, Bass/Ticketmaster outlets. Sep. 22-Oct. 5, $15.

►**Agatha Christies' Black Coffee,** see Sep. 15.

►**Mars Needs Teddy Bears and other Space Age Tales,** UCD Med Center Auditorium, 2315 Stockton Blvd, 1:30pm, free, see September 10 2nd Annual...

►**Broadway Bound,** see September 15.

►**The Bobs** at the Palms, Bass/Ticketmaster or Barney's, Davis, Howe Ave Box Office, or Community Center box office.

►**Sacramento Blues Festival,** Old Sacramento, thru 24th, $20-$55, Bass/Ticketmaster 923-2277.

►**The Rainmaker,** see September 15.

►**Sacramento Symphony Misha Dichter,** pianist, Sacramento Community Center Theater, 14th and L Streets, 8pm, tickets Sacramento Symphony ticket office, Community Center box office, or Bass/Ticketmaster outlets.

►**Visionz,** Ch. 47, 11am.

►**Gay and Lesbian Outreach,** Ch. 47, 3pm.

23 Saturday

►**Redwood Music Festival '89,** 11am - 6pm, Estuary Park at Embarcadero, Oakland, $15 advance, $18.50 at gate, Bass/Ticketmaster 923-Bass.

►**A Midsummer's Dyke's Dream,** 6pm, $7 advance, $8 at door, 367-3206.

►**Agatha Christies' Black Coffee,** see Sep. 15.

►**Broadway Bound,** see September 15.

►**By George,** Center High School, 8306 Watt Ave., No. Highlands, 1pm, free, see September 10 2nd Annual...

►**The Rainmaker,** see September 15.

►**Conference for Catholic Lesbians,** 7:30pm, Kathleen, 362-4133.

►**Calaveras Big Trees Day Hike,** Outdoor Adventures of Sacramento, Jackie & Karen, 731-7114.

►**Sacramento Symphony,** see September 22.

►**Women's Dance,** 8pm-midnight, Lambda Center, $2.

►**Cache Creek Roadshow No. 2,** a benefit for Friends of the River and Cache Creek, Woodland Opera House, 8pm, 666-2364.

►**Gay and Lesbian Outreach,** Ch. 47, 10am.

►**22 On The Red,** Gala fundraiser, Horizons Foundation, dining, dancing, gaming aboard elegant yacht San Francisco. $77, (415) 441-3651.

24 Sunday

►**CAP/PAC Brunch honoring Vic Fazio,** 5252 F Street, 10:30-1:30pm, 736-2722.

►**Dignity Women's Potluck,** 5pm, 456-4396.

►**Folsom Street Fair,** San Francisco, 12-8pm.

►**Bound and Determined,** lesbian S.M support group, 4pm, 456-8649.

►**Broadway Bound,** see September 15.

►**Sacramento Symphony,** 3pm, see Sep. 22.

►**Agatha Christies' Black Coffee,** see Sep. 15.

►**Great Theatre Lives Here Celebration Grand Finale — 7th Annual Elly Awards,** Crest Theatre, 7pm, $10-$17.50, 925-3303.

►**Poetry Readings: Tiffany Lopez, George Rodriguez and Michael Files,** Webber's Book Shop, 8pm, $2 donation, 446-9346.

25 Monday

►**Women's Rap and Social,** 7-9pm Lambda Center, 442-0185.

►**Farewell to Maude's,** Cable Channel 47 "Outlook" 10:30pm.

►**River City MCC,** Ch. 47, 7:30pm.

►**Being Gay Today,** Ch. 47, 10pm.

26 Tuesday

►**Broadway Bound,** see September 15.

►**Farewell to Maude's,**5:30pm, see Sep. 25.

►**River City MCC,** Ch. 47, 2:30pm.

►**Being Gay Today,** Ch. 47, 5pm.

►**VOTE — Sacto City Council, Measure "O."**

27 Wednesday

►**SUFI Healing,** Lambda Center, 7-9, 442-0185.

►**Mother, Mother,** Crest Theater, AIDS Benefit, Call 961-8552.

►**River City MCC,** Ch. 47, 9:30am.

►**Being Gay Today,** Ch. 47, noon.

►**Visionz,** Ch. 47, 9pm.

28 Thursday

►**Sacramento Valley Coin Club Meeting,** SMUD Services Building, 5026 Don Julio Blvd, 7pm.

►**Agatha Christies' Black Coffee,** see Sep. 15.

►**Broadway Bound,** see September 15.

►**Farewell to Maude's,** see September 25.

►**Mega Country '89,** Silver Amphitheater, Chico, $21, BASS/Ticketmaster, 923-2277.

►**Visionz,** Ch. 47, 4pm.

►**Gay and Lesbian Outreach,** Ch. 47, 8pm.

29 Friday

►**SACWN Camping Weekend, Camp Minaluta,** $65-$75, SACWN, P.O.Box 661332, Sacto, CA 95866.

►**Clean and Sober Women's Weekend, Guernville,** Vets hall and Party Place, $10 advance and $13 at door, Carmen Productions, box 4375, Santa Rosa, CA 95402, with SASE by September 11, 1989.

►**17th Annual Harvest Festival,** Sacramento Community Center, $5.50, $2.50 child. Through October 1.

►**Agatha Christies' Black Coffee,** see Sep. 15.

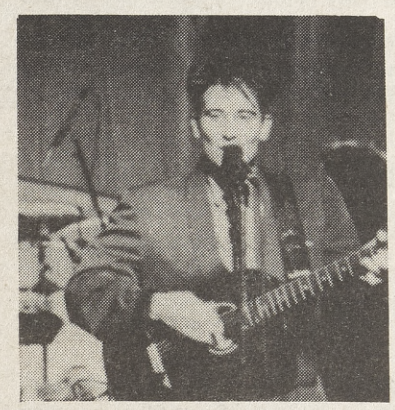
►**The Rainmaker,** see September 15.

►**Broadway Bound,** see September 15.

►**Pillars Meeting,** 6pm cocktails, 7:30pm dinner, Sierra Inn, Fulton and Auburn, 455-1771.

►**Visionz,** Ch. 47, 11am.

►**Gay and Lesbian Outreach,** Ch. 47, 3pm.



►**kd lang,** Caesar's Tahoe, 800-648-3353.

30 Saturday

►**Clean and Sober Women's Weekend,** see Sep. 29.

►**Broadway Bound,** see September 15.

►**Common Sense Dog Training,** Puppies 9:30am, Beginning 11:45am, Oak Meadow Park, 392-4609.

►**The Rainmaker,** see September 1.

►**Clio Awards,** creative excellence in advertising, Crest Theatre, $7, 8pm, 44-CREST.

►**Gay and Lesbian Outreach,** Ch. 47, 10am.

►**kd lang,** see Sep. 29.

October

1 Sunday

►**Pillars Meeting, 6pm,** Cocktails & dinner, Sierra Inn, RSVP 455-1771.

►**Castro Street Fair,** S.F., (415) 467-3354.

►**Clean and Sober Women's weekend,** Lesbian Raft Brigade, noon, Sunset and River Road.

►**Light Opera & Opera by Lenore Heinson and James Gentry,** $5, Woodland Opera House, 2pm.

►**Broadway Bound,** Sac Theatre Co., $16-$19, Fri, Sat. 443-6722.

►**The Rainmaker,** Chatauqua Playhouse, 2pm, $9, 489-7529.

2 Monday

►**Best of Broadway,** Ch. 47, 2pm.

►**River City MCC,** Ch. 47, 7:30pm

►**Being Gay Today,** Ch. 47, 10pm.

►**Buddy Connection,** SAF, 1900 K St. 7-10pm, 448-2437.

3 Tuesday

►**River City MCC,** Ch. 47, 2:30pm.

►**Being Gay Today,** Ch. 47, 5pm.

►**Broadway Bound,** see Oct. 1.

►**Listening to your Inner Voice,** Rowe Institute of Integrative Studies and Threshold Educational and Counseling Services, Creative Awareness Center Bookstore, $56, 978-9442.

4 Wednesday

►**River City MCC,** Ch. 47, 9:30am.

►**Being Gay Today,** noon, Ch. 47.

►**Visionz,** Ch. 47, 9pm.

►**Using Guided Fantasies, Visualizations, & Symbols for Healing,** Lambda Center, 7-9pm.

►**Outdoor Adventures Monthly Potluck** and planning meeting. Stan 441-3285 or Rick 795-4654.

►**Broadway Bound,** see Oct. 1.

5 Thursday

►**Visionz,** Ch. 47, 4pm.

►**Gay and Lesbian Outreach,** Ch. 47, 8pm.

►**Town Hall Meeting for developement of HIV/ARC/AIDS Self Help Book,** by Sacramento AIDS Foundation Protocol Project, 7-9pm, SAF, 448-2437, Patty or Bob.

►**Broadway Bound,** see Oct. 1.

6 Friday

►**Visionz,** Ch. 47, 11am.

►**Gay and Lesbian Outreach,** Ch. 47, 3pm.

►**Broadway Bound,** see Oct. 1.

►**The Quilt in Washington D.C.,** Final display of the quilt in its entirety, 10am unfolding, 7:30pm town meeting, 8pm Life of the Party (Play by Theatre Rhinoceros Kennedy Center). $75, (301) 656-2582.

►**The Rainmaker,** see Oct. 1.

►**Sacramento Symphony,** Sacramento Community Center Theatre, 8pm, Ticket Info — Sac Symphony Ticket Office, Community Center Box Office, BASS/Ticketmaster outlets.

7 Saturday

►**SPCAs 3rd Annual Champagne and Chocolate Tasting Gala,** Railroad Museum, 383-PETS.

►**Coming Out Workshop for Women,** Mountain View, 10am-4pm, $35-$50, (415)968-1981.

►**HUH? Art Exhibition,** Oct. 1-31, Dito Gallery, 1724 L St. reception today 6:30-8:30pm, Small works on paper by Mike Baratta, Eric Sadahire.

Clearinghouse Calendar

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November

9 Thursday

►**6th Annual Human Rights Awards Dinner,** "The Role of Media in Human Rights, Sacramento Hilton Inn, 6pm, $25, 444-6903.

20 Monday

►**RCDC Lambda Awards Dinner,** Radisson Hotel.

December

8 Friday

►**Pillars Christmas Dinner,** Sierra Inn.

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March

10,11 Sat./Sun.

►**P.A.A.R.C., Performing Artists for AIDS Related Charities,** 3rd Annual, Robby Becker, 373-0035.

23 Friday

►**Sacramento Ballet's 35th Anniversary Gala,** Summerset, 444-2491.

September

28 Saturday

►**Names Project Quilt in Sacramento,** Convention Center, thru Sun.

►**Zana Blazer Annual Women's Invitational Golf Tournament.**

May

20 Sunday

►**Sacramento AIDS Walk.**

June

11 Saturday

►**CAP/PAC Annual Dinner,** Radisson Hotel.

20 Wednesday

►**6th International Conference on AIDS,** San Francisco, (415) 550-0880.

24 Sunday

►**SF Gay Pride Parade.**

28 Thursday

►**National NOW Conference thru July 1, San Francisco.**

30 Saturday

►**National Day of Mourning for the Right to Privacy.**

October

28 Saturday

►**Olivia Record's Caribbean Cruise for Women,** thru Nov. 4., (415) 655-0364.

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MGW HIV NEWSLINE

by Sonya Cox
OF MGW STAFF

Help From Feds or State . . . "I'm a little sick of hearing California say they won't be able to do more (about HIV disease and AIDS) unless the federal government steps in ... The federal government should do its share, but shouldn't the state be able to carry its weight as well?," said Dr. James Mason, of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, during recent testimony before Congress. The Bush Administration spokesman emphasized that the federal government's role in the AIDS epidemic is to prevent the spread of HIV, not to treat existing cases. Other speakers testified to the fact that the community health centers, outreach programs and hospitals are being stretched to their limits and will soon not be able to serve the growing number of HIV-infected people without more government assistance.

Increase in AIDS Drugs . . . Nine medications have been approved to date for AIDS-related uses (for cytomegalovirus retinitis, KS, toxoplasomsis, etc.), compared to only one — AZT — available two years ago. Fifty-five companies currently have 67 AIDS drugs and vaccines in human clinical trials (only a few of which are exclusively for AIDS).

AZT Price Reduction Urged . . . The manufacturer of AZT, shown now to be effective in delaying the onset of AIDS as well as keeping those with the disease healthy, should reduce the drug's prohibitive price, said Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. Americans, 650,000 of whom are infected with HIV, could benefit from the drug, but Burroughs Wellcome maintains that the $8,000-$12,000 per person/per year charge is the result of the AZT's research and development.

One Small Step for Mankind . . . A Dane County, Wisconsin, corporation counsel has pledged to the County Board that any Wisconsin nursing home that refuses to admit people with AIDS will face investigation and prosecution. The county board chairman commended the proposal.

Proposed Memorial Cemetery . . . The first and only national memorial to people who have died from AIDS is being proposed for the city. A board of directors to bring the plan to fruition is now needed. River's Edge Memorial Garden would deal in cremations, interments, and funerals, as well as have a rose garden and picnic area where visitors could spend time near their friends or loved ones who have died of AIDS. There would also be sections for the general public who wish to be buried near friends interred there, and for children. Provisions would also be made for needy individuals who cannot afford burial. River's Edge would not, however, charge extra to deal with people who have died of the disease, as some funeral homes now do; significant others would be regarded as "family;" and other special needs would be met. Anyone willing to help bring this idea to fruition, or to serve on the board, please call Raul Ortiz at 454-4344.

Headaches and Immune Systems . . . Researchers are looking into whether people with AIDS who have a history of migraine headaches get fewer headaches once their immune system has become depressed. Evidence suggests that headaches may be caused by overactive immune systems.

Parallel Track Criteria Set . . . A coalition of 15 AIDS and gay rights groups recently met to try to help establish standard guidelines that physicians can use in recommending patients for parallel track trials, in which a limited number of PWAs would be allowed to use an untested drug at the same time that it is undergoing regular testing by the FDA. They suggested that treatments should be limited to individuals with conditions for which no standard treatment exists, those who cannot tolerate standard treatments, and those who are failing under standard treatments. Other candidates would include those who must take medication forbidden in traditional trials, those who live too far from sites of regular clinical trials, and those too sick to participate in a controlled trial.

New Commission Leader . . . A new 15-member National Commission on AIDS has selected June Osborn, dean of the University of Michigan's School of Public Health, as chief of its two-year study on how to cope with the AIDS crisis. Osborn spoke at the recent San Francisco conference on "Strategies for Lesbian and Gay Health Care in the '90s," in which Sacramento doctors Sandy Pomerantz and Elizabeth Harrison also participated. The Commission was appointed by President Bush, and is charged with delivering within two years an assessment of the epidemic and a recommendation on what the nation should do next to deal with it. Several members of the commission have already stressed a more pressing need for the federal government to help people who already have the disease.

HIV Triggers . . . Research is suggesting that cytomegalovirus, which is carried by 80 percent of the population with no ill effects, could be a trigger that turns HIV infection into AIDS. Other research suggests that genital herpes, affecting one of every six Americans over the age of 14, may increase the risk of HIV because it creates open sores through which the virus may enter the body. Two-thirds of those affected with herpes don't even know it, because they don't have symptoms.

Lots of Luck — We'll Need It . . . The Assembly defeated a bill that would have required school districts to give HIV and AIDS prevention instruction to pupils in grades 7 to 12.

Power of Attorney . . . Modern life-lengthening medical precedures are often not wanted by Californians. A law passed in 1984 helps ensure that an individual's wishes regarding life-sustaining treatment, as well as other types of medical care, will be honored if he is unable to make his own health care decisions. But to take advantage of this law, Californians must complete a document called "Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care." An attorney is not needed, and people can appoint anyone of their choosing to act as their "agent" if the need arises. Packets containing the document, a brochure explaining the law, and a wallet identification card are available for $1.59 (check or money order) from: Sutter Publications, P.O. Box 7690, San Francisco, CA 94120-7690.

S.F. Union Contract Includes AIDS . . . A tentative five-year contract recently reached between five major San Francisco hotels and the Hotel and Restaurant Employees and Bartenders Union includes a provision that $5 per month per employee will be put in a fund to provide drugs or hospice care for AIDS patients. It's a first for any union not only in San Francisco, but perhaps in the world.

N.Y. Bereavement Policy . . . Mayor Ed Koch recently issued an executive order granting bereavement leave to homosexual and unmarried heterosexual city workers whose "domestic partners" die. He also said the city would consider extending health insurance benefits to the city workers. "This has nothing to do with gay marriages," Koch said. "I'm against that."

Wrong Lubricants Lead to Failure . . . Most Sacramentans now know that some brands of latex condoms can protect them if they're used properly. In fact, there's a strong feeling among researchers that the risk of getting AIDS could be virtually eliminated if people have no unprotected anal sex, if they don't swallow semen, and if they pull out before seminal ejaculation — even while wearing condoms. Remember latex condoms are easily damaged by many lubricants used. In less than 60 seconds, for example, 90 percent of condoms tested break when mineral oil, Wesson oil, Crisco, butter or olive oil are used. Commercial spermicides and KY jelly do not harm condoms; and use lubricants with nonoxynol 9 which has been shown to kill the HIV virus.

New Books Out . . . "The Color of Light, Meditations," by Perry Tilleraas; "Someone was Here," by George Whitmore; "AIDS and its Metaphors," by Susan Sontag; "Poets for Life: 76 poets respond to AIDS," Michael Klein, Editor; "Friends for Life," by Barbara Aiello (children's book); "Does AIDS Hurt?," by Marcia Quackenbush (children's book).

Mother, Mother . . . Make sure you're at the Sept 27 performance at the Crest Theater of the short film, "Mother, Mother," starring Polly Bergen, Bess Armstrong, Piper Laurie, and John Dye Tickets to this AIDS benefit are $25, with sponsorships ranging from $250 to $1,000. Call Stan Hadden at 961-8552 quick for ticket info.

**** We Can Win the Fight Against Aids ****

Medical Update

DDI is Still Lookin' Good! . . . As many as 1,800 people with AIDS or ARC (infections associated with AIDS) may soon be enrolled in three Phase II trials of the promising drug ddI — several times the number of people ordinarily enrolled in a Phase II study. One group, of about 300, will test two different doses of the drug. The second group, about 500 who may not yet have AIDS or ARC and who have taken AZT for at least a year, will compare ddI to AZT. The third, of about 1000 people, will compare ddI with AZT in people with AIDS and ARC. Additional people who cannot get into trials will still be eligible to get ddI at no charge in a "parallel track" program. It has been suggested that many of those chosen for the trials will be people with fewer than 200 T-cells.

The drug's manufacturer, Bristol-Myers, said it will make ddI available at no charge "to any patient who doesn't meet the criteria for Phase II trials, but for whom the drug is critical.

Phase I tested the drug in 26 patients for between six and 10 months. Some received the drug intravenously, some by mouth, some every eight hours, some every 12. After two weeks the dosages were doubled for four more weeks. Results showed that at low dosage levels, little or no antiviral effect was apparent. However, at higher doses, 13 of the 26 patients had increases in T-cells, and all on the highest dose given had decreases in their antigen levels. In fact, in five of the six receiving the highest dosage tested, the p24 antigen became completely undetectable.

While ddI is not expected to rid the body of the virus, it suggests the possibility of prolonged survival and reduced incidence of opportunistic infections. Six patients developed infections while on ddI; all but one were in the low dosage group.

Recipients reported increased energy, reduced fatigue, and a decreased need for sleep. Some reported increased appetites and most gained weight. Ddl does not appear to cause bone marrow suppression.

Most patients reported no side effects; problems reported included mild headaches and insomnia. One of two developed hepatitis, seizures, and numbness in the feet. What is not known when tests are run this quickly are the long-term effects.

***Note:** Do **NOT** obtain highly toxic drugs from underground sources of your own. Work with your physician for getting on waiting lists for promising medicines. Incorrect dosage amounts and frequencies can have severe side effects.* ■

Living

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proceeds go, of course to AIDS. I want to work more on strengthening our Thursday afternood drop-in group for people with HIV or AIDS. And of course it's also time to get the evening education programs together at the Center: we're looking at a re-run of **Cruising 101,** and some new ones that should be really interesting. There are so many great classes in town now, that people may actually have to make a choice of which ones to take in the evenings! I think that's a great plus for Sacramento," Tim says.

"At the moment, I suppose, I'm most excited about my Grand Jury selection. I'm proud they've selected an openly gay person with a background in government to serve. They started with over 120 names, submitted by Superior Court judges, and pared it down to the 17 selected. This is a one-year commitment, and I'm looking forward to it. I feel honored that Judge Ron Robie submitted my name. He historically has tried to nominate gay people to the Grand Jury," Tim says.

"Publicly speaking out is crucial now. Politics plays a crucial role, because money and time is of the essence. Each agency has its individual strengths and we're all in the process now of keeping people alive. We're putting more emphasis on coordinating programs to avoid duplication, and we all need the vocal and financial support of the community to do the long job before us. The community needs to involve itself in the political process and pressure the government for the funding necessary to get us through this crisis, and the AIDS agencies should not be put in a position of competing with one another for these crucial volunteers and dollars," Tim says.

"I don't know what's in store for me with this disease," he says, "but I believe it's just another manageable chronic disease. And there's a lot of work to be done out there, so I guess I'll just keep doing my part."

You're doing more than your part, Tim, and keep it up! We're proud that you're part of our community. And may many many more birthdays be in your future! ■

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The report you receive will contain the following information about your matches: A client identity number, a mini-profile listing all the attributes the client used to describe himself, as well as the authorized contact information provided by the client. Our double screening process ensures that you meet the other clients' requirements.

Your client number is used to allow us to verify your identity when you call our office, *you are the only one who should know this code.*

How much does it cost?

Our service fee is currently $35, which includes a one time processing charge and your print-out of the top 15 matches from our current data base. As well, you automatically receive a ***six month membership*** during which other members may be matched with you; they will receive the authorized contact information you have provided. You can know of these matches *only when they contact you.*

You may also order our **MatchPlus** service for $55.00. This fee includes 30 client matches and a 6 month membership for **MatchPlus** service customers. You may update your contact information at any time *without charge.*

What else do I need to know?

Members agree that the information they provide is complete and accurate. As well, that any information they receive from us is confidential, *for their personal use only,* in accordance with the objectives of the service.

We reserve the right to decline applications for any reason, if an application is declined a full refund will be issued. We also reserve the right to terminate any membership without refund if the information provided is found to be deliberately incomplete, untrue or deceptive.

How do I fill out the Application Form?

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(please print) _____

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Signature Date

Geographical Area
- ☐ YES OK NO San Francisco
- ☐ YES OK NO East Bay (Oakland)
- ☐ YES OK NO Peninsula (Palo Alto)
- ☐ YES OK NO San Jose/408 call area
- ☐ YES OK NO Marin County
- ☐ YES OK NO Sacramento/916 call area
- ☐ YES OK NO Stockton/Fresno/209 area
- ☐ YES OK NO Russian River/707 area

Type of Relationship
- ☐ YES OK NO Lover (monogamous)
- ☐ YES OK NO Lover (nonmonogamous)
- ☐ YES OK NO Buddy (sexual)
- ☐ YES OK NO Buddy (platonic)
- ☐ YES OK NO One night stand
- ☐ YES OK NO Romantic fling
- ☐ YES OK NO Affair
- ☐ YES OK NO Pen-pal

Age Range
- ☐ YES OK NO 18–21
- ☐ YES OK NO 21–25
- ☐ YES OK NO 25–30
- ☐ YES OK NO 30–35
- ☐ YES OK NO 35–40
- ☐ YES OK NO 40–50
- ☐ YES OK NO 50+

Build
- ☐ YES OK NO Bodybuilder
- ☐ YES OK NO Muscular
- ☐ YES OK NO Average
- ☐ YES OK NO Slim
- ☐ YES OK NO Stocky
- ☐ YES OK NO Heavy
- ☐ YES OK NO Very Heavy

Height
- ☐ YES OK NO 5′6″ or less
- ☐ YES OK NO 5′6″–5′9″
- ☐ YES OK NO 5′9″–6′
- ☐ YES OK NO 6′–6′3″
- ☐ YES OK NO 6′3″ or taller

Hair
- ☐ YES OK NO Black
- ☐ YES OK NO Dark Brown
- ☐ YES OK NO Light Brown
- ☐ YES OK NO Auburn
- ☐ YES OK NO Red
- ☐ YES OK NO Strawberry Blond
- ☐ YES OK NO Blond
- ☐ YES OK NO White/gray
- ☐ YES OK NO Bald

Eyes
- ☐ YES OK NO Blue
- ☐ YES OK NO Green
- ☐ YES OK NO Gray
- ☐ YES OK NO Hazel
- ☐ YES OK NO Brown
- ☐ YES OK NO Black

Facial/Body Hair
- ☐ YES OK NO Smooth
- ☐ YES OK NO Clean Shaven
- ☐ YES OK NO Mustache
- ☐ YES OK NO Beard
- ☐ YES OK NO No body hair
- ☐ YES OK NO Smooth chest
- ☐ YES OK NO Hairy chest
- ☐ YES OK NO Very Hairy

Race
- ☐ YES OK NO Caucasian
- ☐ YES OK NO Asian/oriental
- ☐ YES OK NO Black
- ☐ YES OK NO Latin
- ☐ YES OK NO East Indian

General Appearance
- ☐ YES OK NO Very goodlooking
- ☐ YES OK NO Attractive
- ☐ YES OK NO Average
- ☐ YES OK NO Below average
- ☐ YES OK NO Yuppie/preppie
- ☐ YES OK NO Young executive
- ☐ YES OK NO Mature executive
- ☐ YES OK NO Trendy
- ☐ YES OK NO Collegiate/jock

Dress
- ☐ YES OK NO Casual (t-shirt, jeans)
- ☐ YES OK NO Sometimes sloppy
- ☐ YES OK NO High fashion
- ☐ YES OK NO Semi-formal
- ☐ YES OK NO Drag

Occupation
- ☐ YES OK NO Financially independent
- ☐ YES OK NO Self-supporting
- ☐ YES OK NO Nonself-supporting
- ☐ YES OK NO Unemployed
- ☐ YES OK NO Student
- ☐ YES OK NO Office/clerical
- ☐ YES OK NO Service/hospitality
- ☐ YES OK NO Sales
- ☐ YES OK NO Construction
- ☐ YES OK NO Technical
- ☐ YES OK NO Self-employed/entrepreneur
- ☐ YES OK NO Managerial
- ☐ YES OK NO Professional
- ☐ YES OK NO Health Care
- ☐ YES OK NO Entertainment/arts

Substance Use
- ☐ YES OK NO Smoker
- ☐ YES OK NO Non-smoker
- ☐ YES OK NO Heavy drinker
- ☐ YES OK NO Social drinker
- ☐ YES OK NO Non-drinker
- ☐ YES OK NO Non-drug user
- ☐ YES OK NO Light drug user

Personality
- ☐ YES OK NO Assertive
- ☐ YES OK NO Easy-going
- ☐ YES OK NO Outgoing
- ☐ YES OK NO Publicly affectionate
- ☐ YES OK NO Not publicly affectionate
- ☐ YES OK NO Shy/reserved
- ☐ YES OK NO Very masculine
- ☐ YES OK NO Fairly masculine
- ☐ YES OK NO Somewhat feminine
- ☐ YES OK NO Very feminine
- ☐ YES OK NO Closeted
- ☐ YES OK NO Doorway
- ☐ YES OK NO Openly gay

Social Activities
- ☐ YES OK NO Spectator sports
- ☐ YES OK NO Working out
- ☐ YES OK NO Movies
- ☐ YES OK NO Live theatre
- ☐ YES OK NO TV video
- ☐ YES OK NO Concerts
- ☐ YES OK NO Arts events
- ☐ YES OK NO Dining out
- ☐ YES OK NO Parties
- ☐ YES OK NO Bars dancing
- ☐ YES OK NO Cooking
- ☐ YES OK NO Travel
- ☐ YES OK NO Camping hiking
- ☐ YES OK NO Sailing surfing
- ☐ YES OK NO Skiing
- ☐ YES OK NO Tennis racquetball
- ☐ YES OK NO Swimming
- ☐ YES OK NO Cycling
- ☐ YES OK NO Music
- ☐ YES OK NO Photographer
- ☐ YES OK NO Painting art

Beliefs
- ☐ YES OK NO Catholic
- ☐ YES OK NO Protestant
- ☐ YES OK NO Jewish
- ☐ YES OK NO New age
- ☐ YES OK NO MCC
- ☐ YES OK NO Very religious
- ☐ YES OK NO Somewhat religious
- ☐ YES OK NO Not religious
- ☐ YES OK NO Politically liberal
- ☐ YES OK NO Conservative
- ☐ YES OK NO Social democrat

Sexual Preferences
- ☐ YES OK NO Kissing
- ☐ YES OK NO Cuddling
- ☐ YES OK NO J/O
- ☐ YES OK NO French active
- ☐ YES OK NO French passive
- ☐ YES OK NO Greek active
- ☐ YES OK NO Greek passive
- ☐ YES OK NO SAFE SEX
- ☐ YES OK NO Toys
- ☐ YES OK NO Leather
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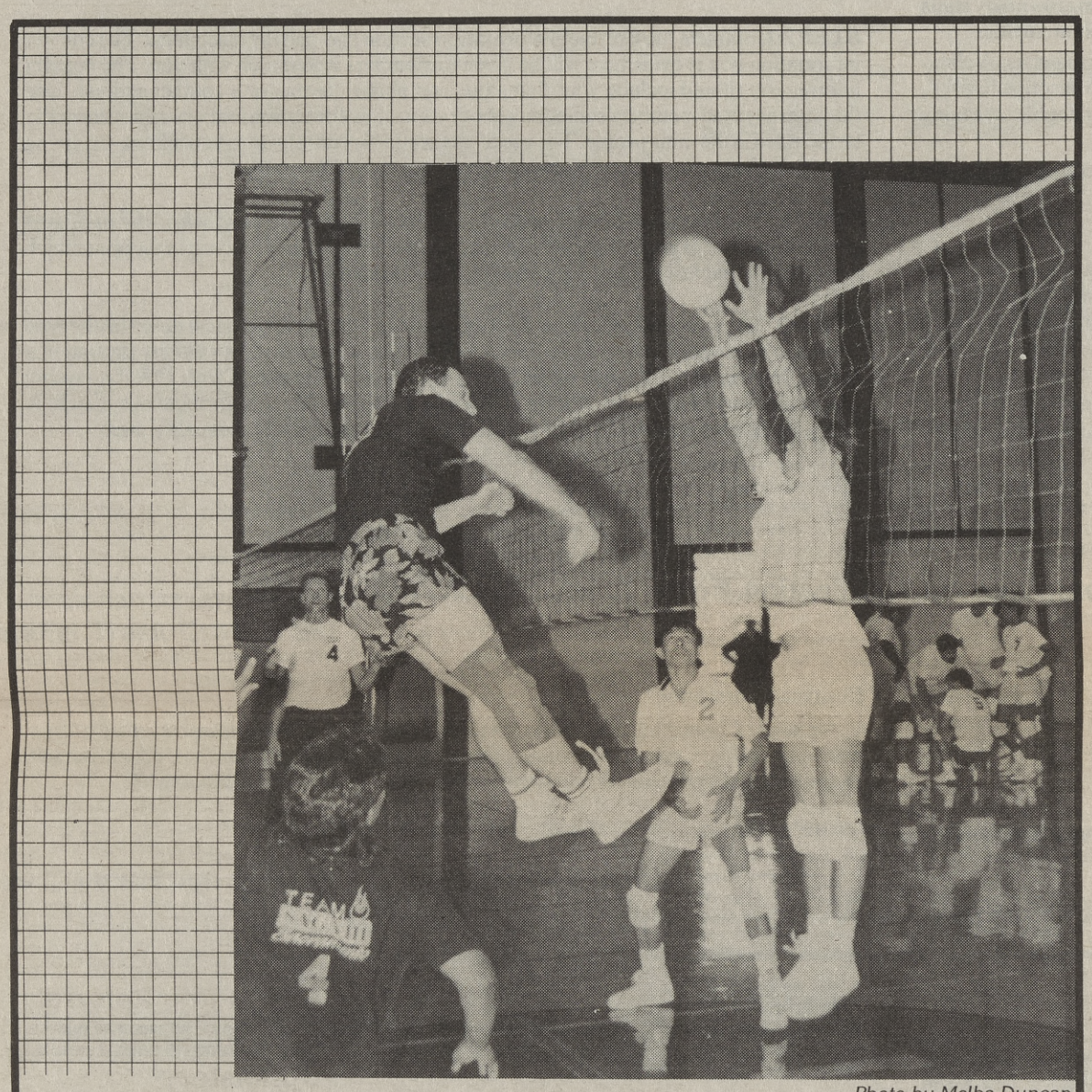

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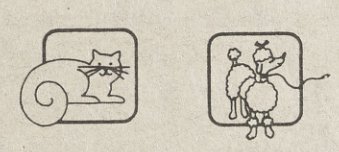

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Religious right targets Councilman Shore for defeat

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Councilman Shore during his two terms in office has sponsored city council ordinances which protect the civil rights and the right to privacy of all Sacramento residents.

A strong Gay and Lesbian rights advocate, Shore took the lead in banning discrimination based on sexual orientation in jobs and housing. Also strongly pro-choice, Councilman Shore recently led the fight for an ordinance which prohibits Operation Rescue from blocking the entrances of abortion clinics. Because of these efforts the "Religious Right" has targeted Shore for defeat.

RESTRICTED OPERATION RESCUE PROTESTS.

Operation Rescue's efforts are designed to shut down legitimate abortion clinics by blocking entrances and harassing patients as they try to pass through the protesters. The only recourse for patients and clinics was to affect citizen arrests on Operation Rescue protesters.

"That was unrealistic," said Shore. "Most people have a hard time making a citizens arrest, especially when confronted with a hundred or more protesters. Also, citizen arrests usually get thrown out of court."

After witnessing Operation Rescue successfully shut down clinics throughout California, Councilman Shore felt something must be done before Operation Rescue came to Sacramento.

"My ordinance requires police to be present at any Operation Rescue protest in the city," Shore explained. "If the protesters try to block the entrance of a clinic or harass patients as they try to enter a clinic, the police are required to arrest the protesters for infractions of city code. This allows the city to immediately fine the protesters and remove them from the premises instead of first requiring citizen arrests."

SPONSORED GAY RIGHTS ORDINANCES.

When Shore first came to the council he was concerned that civil rights protections hadn't been extended to all Sacramentans. "I was specifically concerned about discrimination against Gays and Lesbians," said Shore.

In 1983 Councilman Shore sponsored Sacramento's first Gay Rights ordinance. It banned discrimination based on sexual orientation in hiring and firing city employees. The second Gay Rights ordinance that Shore sponsored in 1986 went even further. It banned discrimination against Gays and Lesbians in jobs and housing throughout the city.

CONCERNED CITY COUNTY CONSOLIDATION WILL REVERSE GAY RIGHTS ORDINANCES.

After reviewing the Sacramento Ad Hoc Charter Committee's current draft, Councilman Shore became concerned when he saw no provisions prohibiting discrimination against Gays and Lesbians in jobs and housing. At a recent hearing Shore told the Ad Hoc Committee that he wanted the city's Gay Rights ordinances included in the charter. "If they don't include it (the ordinances) then I will fight here in the city council to not accept their recommended charter," Shore said. "If there is a city and county consolidation, we have to be sure that we don't lose the gains we've made in Gay and Lesbian rights."

RELIGIOUS RIGHT TARGETS SHORE FOR DEFEAT.

Because of Councilman Shore's "liberal" efforts, both Rev. Cole of the Capitol Christian Center and Operation Rescue directors have fiercely criticized him. Operation Rescue has targeted Shore for defeat in his reelection bid. It wants Shore replaced with someone who isn't as strong a Gay and Lesbian rights advocate nor as strongly pro-choice. Operation Rescue has even solicited volunteers from its membership to go door-to-door in the effort to defeat Shore.

COUNCILMAN SHORE VOWS TO DEFEAT THEIR EFFORT.

"I'm going door-to-door, raising campaign funds and I'll even be doing some television advertising so that I can defeat their efforts," said Shore. "Sacramentans don't agree with their tactics. My reelection will send a clear message to them that we want to protect the civil rights and the right to privacy of all citizens."

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